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Dictator. Dead

▶ Kim Jong Il waves during a meeting with South Korean President Kim Dae-jung in 2000.

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North Korea's leader dies

Kim Jong Il, the strongman who led the communist country since 1994, died Monday, local time, at the age of 69. The news sent Asian markets tumbling, and world leaders scrambling for information overnight. Story, page 7.

Impound fees could pose an ethical dilemma

▶ New rules coming into effect for those blowing over .05 ▶ Parking authority preparing another lot in anticipation

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Fees associated with mandatory impounded vehicles introduced in Alberta's new impaired-driving laws will bolster city coffers somewhat, but aldermen are a little uneasy when it comes to using the added cash.

"You don't want to start sort of planning on something that is hopefully not a big source of revenue," said Ward 11 representative Brian Pincott. "Quite frankly, I don't want cars impounded for drunk driving, thank you very much. I don't want drunk driving on the road period."

Once all the provisions of Bill 26 come into effect — government officials have said this will occur by July 1 — police will be required to not only suspend drivers who provide a blood-alcohol reading over .05, but also impound their vehicles.

Drivers will be without their wheels for three days for a first-time offence and seven days for each subsequent violation.

Currently, drivers who blow over .05 do not necessarily see their vehicles impounded if a tow-truck driver is able to transport it to a nearby parking lot or residence, a Calgary police spokesperson confirmed.

Drivers will be charged for the two truck, as well as $24 for each day the vehicle is held.

"We are making sure our lot operations account for additional storage for vehicles if that does come to be with this new law," McLeod added.

Like Pincott, Ald. Shane Keating has some reservations about depending on revenue earned from lawbreakers.

"Maybe we could put it back into educating people," he offered. "If it (the revenue) is substantial, we should do our civic duty in supporting schools and other groups to get the message out that it is far too dangerous to be drinking and driving."

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Number crunching

▶ The city already makes an estimated $4.5 million from its impound lot, according to a city spokesperson.

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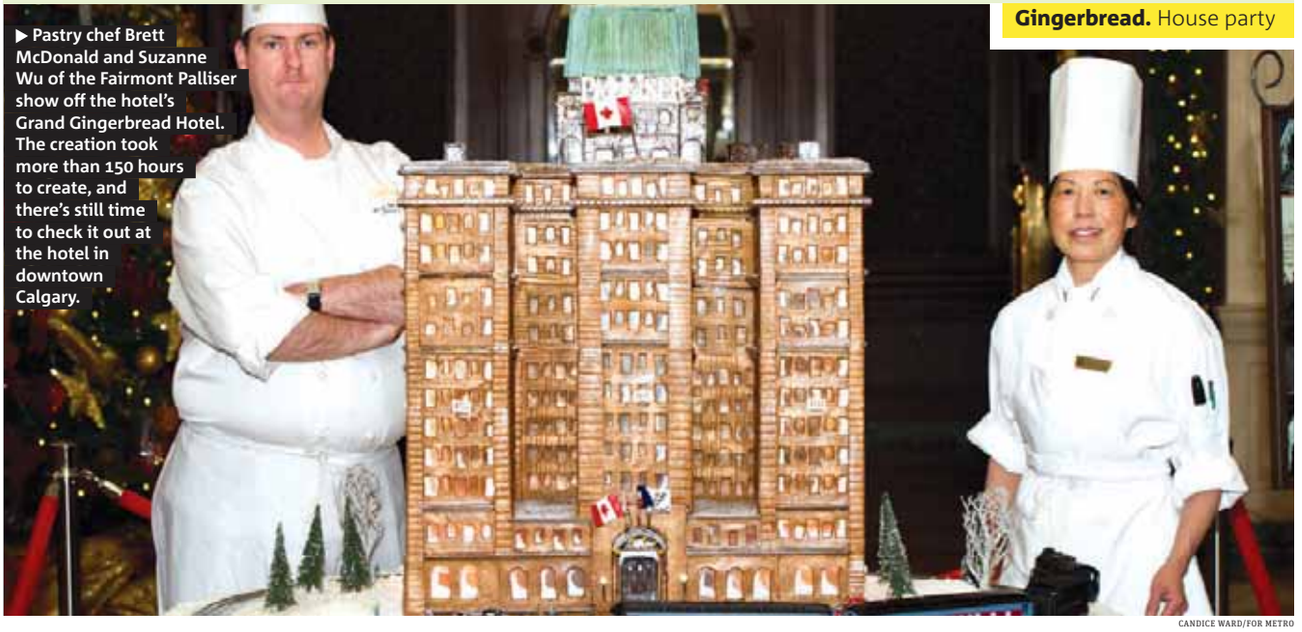

▶ Pastry chef Brett McDonald and Suzanne Wu of the Fairmont Palliser show off the hotel's Grand Gingerbread Hotel. The creation took more than 150 hours to create, and there's still time to check it out at the hotel in downtown Calgary.

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How do you make a gingerbread hotel? Gingerly, of course

Landlord seeks to evict occupiers

Frustrated homeless members turned to private residence after tearing down camp on St. Patrick's Island ◐ Attempt to find housing for remaining members has been ramped up

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Homeless Occupy Calgary members have seen a jolt in efforts to find them permanent housing, but the landlord of the residence where they are staying in the interim is telling them — and their host — to get out.

Metro reported last week that 15 homeless members of the original Occupy Calgary camp on St. Patrick's Island have moved into a residence along Memorial Drive rented by founder Paul Hughes.

Shortly after that article was published, Hughes received a blunt text message from landlord Peter Thai stating that his lease was being terminated and he had 15 days to vacate the premises.

"It's massively disruptive," Hughes said Sunday, noting his Occupy flock is down to eight after seven more people were placed in permanent housing in the span of just a few days.

"It's ironic that I am trying to find people housing and am going to end up homeless in the process."

But Thai says he has grown tired of Hughes's antics and has safety concerns because the capacity of the home has been exceeded.

"I am not a horrible person," Thai said. "It's become like a community centre that I am renting out for only $1,800 a month. What if something happens? Paul wouldn't be responsible for it — if a fire happens or somebody dies — it would be on me."

Thai added that he's received complaints from a neighbour and social agencies about the crowded residence.

While some may be perturbed about the new Occupy zone, next-door neighbour Margaret Keats says the group hasn't been a bother.

"In fact, I wave when I seem them," she said.

Thai said he's willing to extend the 15-day deadline but Hughes will be required to leave regardless of whether the Occupy members stay.

No laws broken

- **Municipal and provincial** representatives said Paul Hughes has not directly violated any laws by allowing 15 Occupy members to stay in his home.
- **But a city spokesperson** did say the home could be subject to searches if complaints or safety concerns should arise.

1 news

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Alberta shooter had many guns

Derek Jensen was an angry young man, armed with several guns and on the hunt for his ex-girlfriend on a dark Alberta highway.

RCMP released new details Saturday in the shocking murder-suicide that saw Jensen kill three people, leaving a sole surviving witness.

Investigators have determined Jensen was searching for Tabitha Stepple early Thursday along Highway 2, south of Calgary, when he spotted her car stopped at a 7-Eleven store in Claresholm. Stepple and three friends in the car were making a quick pit-stop on their way to the Calgary airport from Lethbridge.

When they got back on the road, Jensen continued to follow the car for another 1.5 kilometres, then quickly rammed it from behind and opened fire on everyone inside. He next turned the 9-mm handgun on himself. Mounties found two more loaded guns in his vehicle — a shotgun and a rifle. They later discovered another rifle and some ammunition at his home in Lethbridge.

4 **The number of people that died in last week's murder-suicide near Claresholm.**

"We can surmise there was definitely a certain amount of planning in this," Sgt. Patrick Webb told a news conference in nearby High River.

"No one drives around for the most part with three loaded weapons. Exactly how they were to be utilized or what his intentions were, we may never know."

Friends have said Jensen was an avid hunter, and Webb confirmed all his guns were legally registered. Webb said it appears Jensen's murderous rampage was fuelled by a recent break-up with Stepple. The couple, both 21, had been living together in Lethbridge and recently separated.

"Jensen was not satisfied with that," said Webb.

Webb also said the lone survivor of the shooting, 21-year-old Shayna Conway, was well enough to talk to officers at the scene.

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Standoff ends without injury

Nearly four hours after it began, a standoff in the southeast community of Penbrooke ended without injury Sunday.

Earlier in the day, a number of loud bangs led nearby residents to believe someone had been shot, but police said they had simply deployed tactical devices.

Duty Insp. Darren Leggat said officers responded to the home following a domestic dispute.

JEREMY NOLAIS

Danger lurks behind dud smoke detectors

Fire crews say sub-standard devices in low-income housing areas are a cause for concern ◆ Residents urged to call 311 if they can't afford one

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Fire roared through the southwest apartment complex she called home, but Annette Ibrahim says the smoke detectors remained quiet.

Instead, it was a fast-acting neighbour who alerted many to the spreading flames, which quickly engulfed six units in the 500 block of Woodridge Terrace Southwest on Dec. 10.

"Your guess is as good as mine," said Ibrahim when asked why the detector didn't react to the blaze. "My thing has always been checking it once a month. I can imagine I will be doing it even more frequently now."

Overall this year, Calgary fire crews report they are actually finding more home detectors in working order, but they say sub-standard devices in low-income housing areas, like the Woodridge complex, remains a concern.

Spokesperson Brian McAsey said he joined some peers for a smoke detector awareness tour through a relatively low-income area of the city earlier this month. Of 23 homes visited, crews were required to install 21 replacement devices.

"You will find people where there is maybe an economic issue," said spokesperson Brian McAsey. "If anybody can't afford one [a smoke detector] or needs help installing it, they can call 311."

While the damage has already been done to Ibrahim's home — questions about the structural integrity of the complex following the fire will likely lead to it being torn down — she is attempting to look on the bright side.

"I am just in the process of moving into my new house," she said. "It could have been worse."

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▶ Firefighters are seen exiting an apartment complex in the 500 block of Woodridge Terrace Southwest. The building caught fire earlier this month.

Safety checks

- **The Calgary Fire Department** has visited 23,000 homes this year to perform fire safety checks. During those visits, crews replaced 1,000 smoke detectors and handed out 600 batteries.
- **Spokesperson Brian McAsey** said even if testing indicates otherwise, smoke detectors that are more than 10 years old will fail 50 per cent of the time.

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Santa, firefighters give gifts to kids

- Calgary Fire Dept. Christmas party is in its 44th year
- It's the largest Christmas party of its kind in Canada

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It took dozens of rolls of wrapping paper, hundreds of volunteers and a little help from Santa, but the Calgary Fire Department was able to treat thousands of kids to an early Christmas on Sunday.

Payton Smith, 15, was there to see the smiles on her younger brother and niece's faces.

"A lot of years, we don't get a lot of presents and the things that we want, so to come and get a present, it's joyful," she said, recalling the previous year, when she was given a stereo. "It helps a lot of families out."

Annette Mitchell said she received the invitation for her and her two children to attend in October, and it's been something they've all been looking forward to.

"It means a lot because some parents just don't have enough to go around, and it's nice to have that one present that they're not expecting," she said, as her son Riley, 3, ripped through the wrapping paper on his new toy. "It helps everyone feel good. My kids love it."

After four years with the Calgary Fire Department Toy Association, Jamie Blayney said seeing the smile on kids' faces never gets old.

"It's always nice to see the kids as happy as they are, I think that's why we do it," he said. "We give back so much as a department and this is just one other thing that we can do."

By the numbers

- Invitations were sent to 1,800 deserving families.
- More than 250 volunteers helped facilitate the event.
- It's estimated 4,000 children received a gift donated by members of the community.
- The families were also treated to a free hamburger lunch, entertainment from the Prairie Dogs and a visit with Santa.

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▶ Anna Fisher, 4, was one of many volunteers who helped hand out presents to thousands of Calgary kids on Sunday during the 44th annual Calgary Fire Department Christmas party.

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North Korea leader dead at 69

Few facts are known about the highly secretive Kim Jong Il

Kim Jong Il, North Korea's mercurial and enigmatic longtime leader, has died of heart failure. He was 69.

In a special broadcast Monday from the North Korean capital, state media said Kim died of a heart ailment on a train due to a "great mental and physical strain" on Dec. 17 during a "high intensity field inspection." It said an autopsy was done on Dec. 18 and fully confirmed the diagnosis.

Kim is believed to have suffered a stroke in 2008, but he had appeared relatively vigorous in photos and video from recent trips to China and Russia and in numerous trips around the country carefully documented by state media. The communist country's Dear Leader — reputed to have had a taste for cigars, cognac and gourmet cuisine — was believed to have had diabetes and heart disease.

"It is the biggest loss for the party ... and it is our people and nation's biggest sadness," an anchorwoman clad in black Korean traditional dress said in a voice choked with tears.

She said the nation must "change our sadness to strength and overcome our difficulties."

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The life of Kim

- **North Korean legend** has it that Kim was born on Mount Paekdu, one of Korea's most cherished sites, in 1942, a birth heralded in the heavens by a pair of rainbows and a brilliant new star. Soviet records, however, indicate he was born in Siberia, in 1941.
- **Kim Jong Il,** a graduate of Pyongyang's Kim Il Sung University, was 33 when his father anointed him his eventual successor.
- **Kim Jong Il took over** after his father died in 1994, eventually taking the posts of chairman of the National Defence Commission, commander of the Korean People's Army and head of the ruling Worker's Party father remained as North Korea's "eternal president."

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▶ North Korean leader Kim Jong Il, left, and South Korean President Roh Moo-Hyun inspect an honour guard together on Oct. 2, 2007, in Pyongyang. The two leaders held an unsuccessful three-day summit aimed at ending the half-century of animosity between the two states, who have remained technically at war since 1950.

Death toll unknown after oil platform capsizes

An oil-drilling platform capsized and later sank amid fierce storms off Russia's east coast Sunday, plunging dozens of workers into the churning, icy waters. Four were confirmed dead and 49 were missing.

The Transportation Ministry said the Kolskaya platform started sinking after a strong wave broke some of its equipment and the portholes in the crew's dining room. One five-metre wave washed away the platform's lifeboats, leaving the crew with no escape.

The Emergencies Ministry said in a statement yesterday 67 people had been aboard the platform as it was being towed about 200 kilometres off the coast of Sakhalin Island.

Fourteen people were rescued from the sea by the ship that had been towing the platform.

Further rescue efforts were being hampered by the severe weather conditions, officials said.

A spokeswoman for the Emergency Ministry in the Far East, told the Associated Press that the rescue team had spotted four lifeless bodies in the water, but had not yet been able to retrieve them.

The Kolskaya was built in Finland in 1985 and is owned by Russian offshore exploration firm Arktikmorneftegazrazvedka.

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▶ In this undated handout photo, the oil drilling platform Kolskaya is seen in the Sea of Okhotsk.

Oil platform

- **There were no immediate reports** of environmental damage, and that would be unlikely since the platform was not drilling for oil when it capsized and carried little fuel.
- **The Investigative Committee** yesterday opened a probe into the accident and said that a breach of safety regulations or weather may be to blame.

Rescuers search for ship survivors

Rescuers battled high waves on Sunday as they searched for 200 asylum seekers missing and feared dead after their overcrowded ship sank off Indonesia's main island of Java. So far only 33 people have been plucked alive from the choppy waters.

Two were children, aged 8 and 10, found clinging to the broken debris of the boat five hours after the accident Saturday.

"It's really a miracle they made it," said Kelik Enggar Purwanto, a member of the rescue team, as horrifying accounts emerged of the disaster. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Former Czech leader dies

Czech leaders and foreign politicians are paying tribute to Vaclav Havel, the dissident playwright who led the 1989 Velvet Revolution that peacefully toppled communism in the former Czechoslovakia. Havel died yesterday at age 75 in his weekend house in northern Czech Republic. The Czech government meets today to declare a period of official mourning.

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▶ Vaclav Havel

Man charged in N.Y. burning death

Senior citizen died after being set on fire in apartment elevator Suspect says the woman owed him $2,000

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▶ This surveillance photo shows the suspect with accelerant in his hand.

A man charged with dousing a woman in flammable liquid and tossing a Molotov cocktail on her in an elevator told police he set her on fire because he was angry that she owed him $2,000, authorities said Sunday.

Jerome Isaac was arrested Sunday on murder and arson charges in the death of 73-year-old Deloris Gillespie.

The 47-year-old Isaac reeked of gasoline when he entered a police station overnight and implicated himself in Gillespie's death, New York Police Department spokesman Paul Browne said.

Gillespie was ambushed in the elevator of her Brooklyn apartment building on Saturday afternoon, Browne said.

The suspect had been waiting for her when the elevator doors opened to the fifth floor of her building in Prospect Heights, police said.

"It was apparent he knew she was on the elevator," Browne said.

After setting Gillespie ablaze, Isaac went to his apartment building just blocks away and set a fire there, Browne said. He then hid on a roof before turning himself in to police, Browne said.

Isaac told police that Gillespie owed him $2,000 from some work he had done for her, Browne said.

The attack happened shortly after 4 p.m., lasted about a minute and was recorded by two video cameras, including one inside the small elevator.

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Russia. Protests

▶ A masked protester stands with a riot policeman on the right during a rally against alleged vote rigging this weekend in St. Petersburg, Russia. The sign reads: "My vote was stolen".

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Another post-election rally

About 7,000 protesters demanding a rerun of elections gathered Saturday in central St. Petersburg for a second weekend of protests against Russia's alleged fraud-tainted vote, a comparatively small crowd that underlined the challenge to the opposition of keeping up public pressure on authorities.

British lawmaker fired over Nazi party photo

A British Conservative lawmaker in Britain has been fired as a parliamentary aide for attending a friend's Nazi-themed stag party.

The party said Sunday that Aidan Burley had "behaved in a manner which is offensive and foolish" and had been removed as parliamentary private secretary to the transport minister. The party says Prime Minister David Cameron has ordered an investigation into Burley's behaviour.

Last week a newspaper ran a picture showing Burley with a man dressed in an SS uniform at the party.

Burley said he felt "deep regret" about the event, at which guests toasted the Third Reich.

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▶ Residents retrieve usable items from their destroyed houses on Sunday after a flash flood in Cagayan De Oro city in southern Philippines.

Flood death toll in Philippines to rise

Tropical storm destroys homes, leaves hundreds dead
Storm turns worst-hit cities into muddy wastelands

As a storm that killed hundreds of people in the southern Philippines raged outside the store where she works, Amor Limbago worriedly called home to check on her parents, but their cellphones just kept ringing and later went dead.

Limbago, 21, rushed home as soon as the flash floods receded and confirmed her worst fear: Her parents and seven other relatives were gone, swept away from their hut by the river. They had eagerly planned a small Christmas dinner in that hut just days earlier.

"I returned and saw that our house was completely gone," a weeping Limbago, from Cagayan de Oro city, said. "There was nothing but mud all over and knee-deep floodwaters."

Most of the dead were children and women, Red Cross Secretary General Gwendolyn Pang said.

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Human toll

▶ **The government's Office of Civil Defence** placed the number of dead at 516, missing at 274 and rescued at 431 by press time on Sunday. Its head, Benito Ramos, said he expected the death toll to rise and that the government count was slower because authorities try to identify each casualty by verifying it with relatives.

PRISONER SWAP: PART TWO

Israel free last batch of militants

Israel was wrapping up preparations to release 550 Palestinian prisoners late Sunday, in the second and final phase of a swap with Hamas militants that brought home an Israeli soldier after five years in captivity.

Under the Egyptian-brokered deal, Israel has agreed to exchange a total of 1,027 prisoners for Sgt. Gilad Schalit, who was captured by Gaza militants in June 2006.

Schalit returned home in October when Israel freed the first batch of 477 prisoners. Sunday's release will complete the swap.

The release, expected to have taken place late Sunday, was not infused with the same drama as the first phase since the most significant players in the trade have already been released. Under the terms of the deal, Israel chose the prisoners to be freed Sunday.

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Pakistanis protest U.S. airstrike

More than 30,000 Islamists rallied against the U.S. in the Pakistani city of Lahore on Sunday, demanding Islamabad cut off ties with Washington following NATO airstrikes last month that killed 24 Pakistani soldiers.

The protest highlighted the ability of hard-liners to bring their supporters into the streets, and the lasting anger over the Nov. 26 attack. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rae urges PM to visit Attawapiskat

Liberal leader says PM should take responsibility for problems on reserve

Liberal Leader Bob Rae is accusing the Conservatives and Prime Minister Stephen Harper of showing a "lack of respect" toward the troubled First Nations community of Attawapiskat.

On Saturday, as he wrapped up a visit to see the community's housing crisis first-hand, Rae chided Harper — who has long claimed to have a soft spot for northern Canada — for not travelling to the region himself.

"Where there are real people living, and living in really difficult conditions, the prime minister has nothing to say — he's not there," Rae said in a telephone interview.

"There's a great concern about the lack of respect that's been shown to people here."

"You show respect by coming, not by insisting that people come to see you."
LIBERAL LEADER BOB RAE

Rae's visit is the second for an opposition leader in as many weeks. NDP Leader Nycole Turmel visited Attawapiskat last month and promptly urged Harper to do the same.

Chief Theresa Spence has sought a court injunction to oust the third-party manager that was appointed to take over the band's financial affairs, who is being paid $1,300 a day from band funds. A ruling is expected this week.

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▶ Attawapiskat First Nation Chief Therese Spence, right, talks with Liberal Leader Bob Rae in Attawapiskat, Ontario on Saturday.

News in brief

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▶ Prince Harry

Prince helps robbed pal

LONDON. Royal officials say Prince Harry showed up at a London police station to help a friend who had been mugged.

Harry's Clarence House office says the 27-year-old prince went to support a friend who was reporting a robbery.

British media say Thomas van Straubenzee was robbed in a south London street while on the phone with Harry, who raced across the city to help. When he could not find Van Straubenzee, Harry went to the local police station, where he gave a witness statement.

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Bids sought for $5M security study

OTTAWA. The Foreign Affairs department plans to spend up to $5 million next year for a sweeping intelligence study of potential threats to Canada's foreign embassies and missions.

The department is soliciting bids from security intelligence firms to explain the possible threats to its diplomatic corps from terrorism, instability and natural disasters in 174 countries, including 46 major cities.

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Feds' buildings in disrepair

OTTAWA. An analysis by The Canadian Press of the federal government's massive real-estate portfolio found thousands of buildings are in poor or even critical condition.

Among the buildings in rough shape are the Parliament buildings, the Canada Science and Technology Museum, and the taxman's headquarters.

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Orthodox Jews seek to segregate buses

Israel's political leaders and chief rabbis on Sunday condemned persistent efforts by ultra-Orthodox Jewish men to shunt Israeli women to the back of public buses, a year after the country's Supreme Court outlawed the practice.

The outcry came in reaction to an Israeli woman's experience of being asked to move to the back of a bus, which was posted on Facebook and became a cause celebre in the Israeli media on Sunday. The case even drew public comment from Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who deplored gender segregation.

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▶ Megan Roney shops online at Europa Coffeehouse in Denver, Colo.

Online holiday sales up in U.S.

Online shoppers have spent $30.9 billion over the past six weeks, up 15 per cent from this time last year

U.S. online sales this holiday shopping season are up 15 per cent compared to last year, after what may have been the busiest week of the season, said research firm comScore on Sunday.

Shoppers have spent $30.9 billion online from Nov. 1 through Dec. 16, up from $26.9 billion at the same point last year, said the Reston, Va., company, which tracks Web use.

Online sales surpassed $1 billion on four days last week. Total sales for the week climbed 15 per cent to $6.31 billion compared to last year.

The five days that ended on Friday "will almost certainly be the heaviest week of the online holiday shopping season," said comScore chairman Gian Fulgoni. Online spending will begin to slow as Christmas draws closer, he said.

40%

The holiday shopping season can make up close to 40 per cent of retailers' annual revenue. comScore predicts this will be the busiest week for online shopping thanks to last-minute holiday gifting.

But "Cyber Monday," the Monday after American Thanksgiving, is still the largest online shopping day ever, according to comScore. Sales for that day rose 22 per cent from last year to $1.25 billion. Cyber Monday sales topped $1 billion for the first time last year.

The holiday shopping season can make up to 40 per cent of retailers' annual revenue. The online sales data point to Americans' growing comfort with using their personal computers, tablets and smartphones to shop for the holidays.

Discounting and promotions have also boosted shopping this year.

ComScore said on Sunday that shoppers have received free shipping on at least half of all their purchases in each week of this year's holiday shopping season.

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CNN star to testify at UK press ethics inquiry

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▶ Piers Morgan in Los Angeles last July.

The often colourful and sometimes controversial story of CNN star Piers Morgan's rise to the top will be revisited today when the former editor appears by videolink at a judge-led inquiry into the ethics and practices of Britain's scandal-tarred press.

Actors Hugh Grant and Sienna Miller, and Harry Potter author J.K. Rowling are among those who have given evidence about press abuse, while executives and lawyers for Murdoch's News Corp. have defended the newspaper.

Morgan shot to national prominence when he was picked by Murdoch to run the News of the World at age 28.

Under his tenure, the tabloid exposed actor Hugh Grant's liaison with Hollywood prostitute Divine Brown and Princess Diana's late-night phone calls to married art dealer Oliver Hoare. It wasn't all down to good reporting: Morgan has acknowledged he kept his edge in part through bribes paid to informants on rival titles.

In 1995, Morgan left the News of the World for the Daily Mirror. His time there was marked by scoops and controversy, but his editorship ended in 2004 when he ran a faked photograph purporting to show a British soldier urinating on an Iraqi detainee.

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Pilot strike cancels Iberia flights

Spanish airline Iberia cancelled a third of its flights Sunday because of a strike by pilots fearing job losses when company planes are diverted for use by Iberia's planned new budget carrier.

Iberia said it scrapped 91 flights, mostly domestic routes, but that the airline managed to find alternative seats on Iberia or other carriers for about 80 per cent of the travellers.

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ECB exec explains exit

A top European Central Bank official has publicly discussed the reasons for his surprise resignation, saying he is not satisfied with the direction Europe's currency union has taken.

Juergen Stark said in an interview in Monday's edition of Germany's Wirtschaftswoche magazine that the ECB had done its job by keeping inflation under control across the eurozone, which it does through adjusting interest rates.

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British banks to be restructured

The British government will restructure the country's banks by separating their retail activities from riskier investment banking operations, Business Secretary Vince Cable said Sunday.

"We just cannot risk having a repetition of that financial catastrophe that we had three years ago," Cable told the BBC.

Treasury chief George Osborne is due to lay out the government's plans in Parliament on Monday.

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▶ Jaden Schwartz practises with his Canadian teammates last week.

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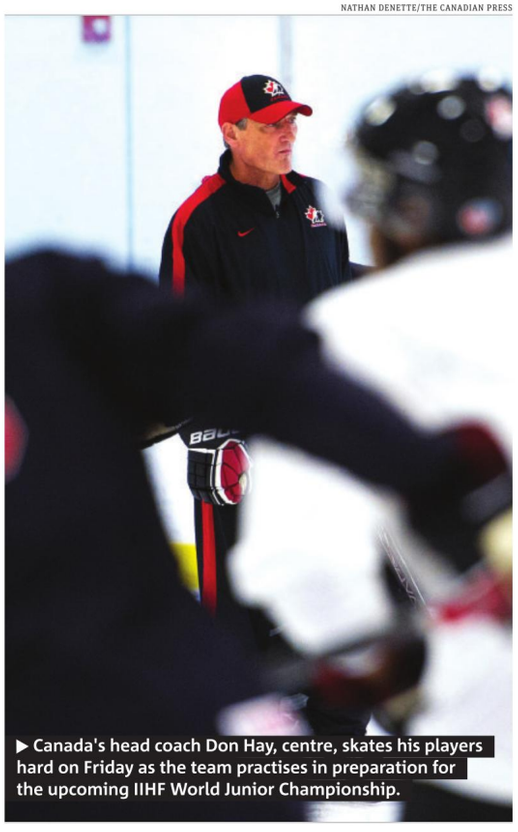

▶ Canada's head coach Don Hay, centre, skates his players hard on Friday as the team practises in preparation for the upcoming IIHF World Junior Championship.

Canada always in contention

- Canadian teams have captured gold 15 times in tournament history
- Canada has played in 10 straight finals, but won silver in the past two

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Ever since entering a national under-20 team into the world junior hockey championships back in 1982, Canada has been a force to be reckoned with at the annual tournament.

Canada won the first of its 15 gold medals 30 years ago when the tournament was contested in Winnipeg and Minnesota.

After capturing gold twice more in the '80s, Canada won back-to-back tournaments in 1991-92 before going on a run of five straight first-place finishes from 1993-97.

Current national junior team coach Don Hay was also at the helm when Canada steamrolled its way to the title in 1995 when Red Deer hosted the tournament.

"It's more of an event now, bigger media coverage and bigger coverage among Canadians," Hay said. "It's such a tradition amongst them and so passionate."

From 1998-2004 Canada went through a bit of a dry spell, but still managed to capture four silver and two bronze medals.

Then came the 2005 event in Grand Forks, N.D., when Canada cruised to six straight victories, including a 6-1 triumph over Russia in the tournament final.

Current Calgary Flames coach Brent Sutter was behind the bench in Grand Forks and again the next year in Vancouver when Canada also reeled off six straight wins on its way to capturing gold.

"Even though it was a different group and even though the year before was like a dream team, they wanted to show that they could win every game, too, and so there was that push and there was that drive that they didn't want to lose either," Sutter said. "It was kind of neat how it all unfolded."

After three more championship performances from 2007-09 Canada had matched its impressive streak of five straight gold medals.

Despite losses in the title game to the United States in Saskatoon in 2010 and in upset fashion to Russia last year in Buffalo, N.Y., Canada has reached the world junior final for 10 straight years and has medalled at the event 13 straight times since 1999.

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Canada opens against Finland on Boxing Day in Edmonton ◆ Canada has won 15 gold medals since 1974 ◆ The last person to coach the Canadian team to a gold medal was Pat Quinn ◆ Group A teams: Latvia, Russia, Slovakia, Sweden and Switzerland ◆ Group B teams: Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland and the U.S.

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▶ Canada forward Jaden Schwartz, front, takes part in practice in Calgary last Thursday as he prepares for the upcoming IIHF World Junior Championship.

Team Canada will look to avenge the disappointment tasted in 2011 and return to its golden ways when it hosts the 2012 IIHF World Junior Championship in Alberta.

After rattling off five consecutive gold medals, Canada finds itself without a first place finish in back-to-back tournaments. In a hockey-crazy country, it's gold or nothing for Team Canada forward Brendan Gallagher.

"The only real expectation is a gold medal, and as players that's what you want, so we're looking forward to that," Gallagher said.

Gallagher will be joined in the quest by four returning players from last year — Jaden Schwartz, Quinton Howden, Brett Connolly and goalie Mark Visentin, who was between the pipes in a third period collapse in the gold medal game that saw the Russians score five unanswered goals in a 5-3 win a year ago.

"I learned a lot from last year," Visentin said. "That experience is already a long ways away. I put it in my pocket and I've kept walking. It's a whole new team and a new focus. We need to earn the gold medal this year."

"The only real expectation is a gold medal, and as players that's what you want, so we're looking forward to that."
BRENDAN GALLAGHER, TEAM CANADA

Connolly, on loan from the Tampa Bay Lighting, and Anaheim Ducks forward Devante Smith-Pelly make up the NHL contingent of Team Canada. Mark Scheifele, the team's top centre, saw time with the Winnipeg Jets early in the season before being returned to junior earlier in the year.

Twelve of the players on this talented Canadian team were first-round picks in the NHL entry draft (some in 2010; others in 2011). Five were among the top 14 selections last June.

Much like the players, head coach Don Hay is hoping for a 16th golden finish to the world juniors for Canada.

"That's the way Canada thinks," added Hay. "Everything is gold or nothing here right now."

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Czech Republic
This team was once a powerhouse on the World Junior Championship scene, earning back-to-back gold medals in 2000 and 2001.

Struggling since, the Czechs have earned but one medal, a bronze in 2005. The Czech Ice Hockey Association hopes to turn the clock back in 2012.

Bolstered by five returning players, including Martin Frk, who is eligible for the 2012 NHL draft, the Czechs could be poised to do just that.

Defenceman David Musil, an Edmonton Oilers prospect and son of former NHL blueliner Frank Musil will join Frk in the Czechs' quest to secure a medal for the first time in seven years.

Denmark
Graduating to the World Junior Championship after winning Division I Group B in 2011, Denmark will do all it can to stay in the tournament's top division.

Nicklas Jensen, a first-round pick of the Vancouver Canucks, will do all he can to ensure the Danes avoid relegation in their first tournament action since 2008. He and Mads Eller, the younger brother of Montreal Canadiens forward Lars Eller, will have a tough time guiding a young Danish squad that averages just 18 years of age.

The goal for Denmark is to maintain their status in the top division. If Jensen is able to find success in the tournament, his country may just do that.

Finland
Finland will ice a relatively inexperienced team, despite having six returnees, as it hopes to earn its first medal at the tournament since 2006.

Any hopes to be in medal contention will fall squarely on the shoulders of brothers Mikael and Markus Granlund. Though he was unable to play due to a concussion last year, the ever-dangerous Mikael has the potential to emerge as the tournament's top forward.

Markus, a Calgary Flames prospect, possesses the same game-breaking abilities as his sibling.

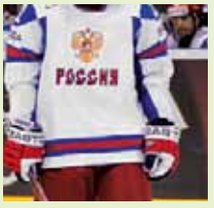
If the duo is able to perform up to expectations and get some help from Teemu Pulkkinen, Finland could challenge for a medal.

Latvia
Latvia has earned its way back into the World Junior Championship after being relegated as a result of a ninth-place showing at the Saskatoon tournament in 2010.

With the weight of the country on his shoulders, 2012 NHL entry draft eligible Zemgus Girgensons will carry the offensive load for Latvia.

The 17-year-old is considered to be the most talented hockey export the country has produced since defenceman Sandis Ozolinsh.

If Girgensons is able to lead Latvia to an eighth-or-better finish, Latvia could become the feel-good story of the 2012 World Junior Championship.



Russia
The Russian Hockey Federation would love nothing more than to replicate their golden performance in the 2011 edition of the tournament.

If they are to succeed in defending their crown, Russia will have to do it with a completely renovated roster. Only Yevgeni Kuznetsov is eligible to return.

That's not to say the Russians will not be as dangerous as last year. Let by dynamic forwards Vladislav Namestnikov and Nikita Kucherov, a pair of Tampa Bay Lightning draft picks, and aided by 2012 draft-eligible forwards Nail Yakupov and Mikhail Grigorenko, the Russians will be as explosive as ever in their quest to defend gold.

Slovakia
The Slovakian Ice Hockey Association hopes to use the 2012 World Junior Championship to get their program back on track after consecutive eighth-place finishes the previous two years.

Slovakia has struggled in the tournament since a fourth-place finish in 2009 but can rely on returning forward Tomas Jurco, a draft pick of the Detroit Red Wings. He is one of five players eligible to return from the Slovaks' entry last year, a group that includes Edmonton Oilers prospect Martin Marincin in his third world juniors.

If Jurco can provide the offence and Marincin is able to lock down the defensive zone, Slovakia could end its recent slump.

Sweden
Sweden hopes to prove that last year's result was nothing more than a blip when the team takes to the ice at the 2012 World Junior Championship.

Failing to earn a medal for the first time in four years, Sweden will rely on both familiar and fresh faces in their quest for hardware. The team has five players returning from last year, but it may be in newcomer Mika Zibanejad, who started the season with the Ottawa Senators, that the team locates its focal point.

Sweden will need the best of a defensive core that includes Edmonton Oilers pick Oscar Klefbom and Minnesota Wild prospect Jonas Brodin if it hopes to return to winning ways.

Switzerland
Though they haven't medalled at the World Junior Championship since 1998, Switzerland has continues to build momentum on the international stage. Finishing fourth in 2010 and fifth last year in Buffalo, Switzerland is no longer a pushover at the tournament.

Though they will be without top player Nino Niederreiter, the Swiss hope to build on recent success and will rely heavily on Calgary Flames first-rounder Sven Bartschi.

He and Carolina Hurricanes pick Gregory Hofmann will be expected to carry the load for the Swiss in their continual efforts to grow as a serious threat in the tournament.

United States
After earning bronze on home ice in Buffalo last season, the U.S. hopes a return to Canadian soil can spell a return to gold glory at the 2012 World Junior Championship.

The Americans will bring an experienced team that has seven players from last year, none more important than Jack Campbell, who earned top goalie honours in 2011 and backstopped Team USA to gold in 2010.

If Campbell can keep the goals out, Anaheim Ducks prospect Emerson Etem will put them in. Etem will be aided by fellow returnee Charlie Coyle. If the duo can click and Campbell rounds into form, Team USA could have much success in Canada.

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The World Junior Championship can be the casual fan's introduction to the next wave of NHL talent.

That includes Canada's Ryan Murray, who will challenge Russia's dynamic duo of Nail Yakupov and Mikhail Grigorenko for the first overall pick in the 2012 draft. Sweden's trio of Sebastian Collberg, Pontus Aberg and Filip Forsberg are also highly touted.

Finland's Olli Maatta, and Zemgus Girgensons of Latvia are also considered potential first-round selections.

Generally referred to as a tournament for 19-year-olds, an appearance at the world juniors can boost the exposure of these prospects, many of which are just 17 years of age.

Don't miss the Swiss flame

▶ Sven Baertschi, centre, prepares to put on his jersey after he was drafted in the first round by the Calgary Flames in the NHL entry draft in June.

Swiss squad features Calgary's prospect Sven Baertschi

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Sven Baertschi will likely have extra fan support when Switzerland plays its preliminary-round games at the Scotiabank Saddledome in Calgary.

For the second straight year, Baertschi cracked the Swiss roster to play at the World Junior Championship. While he toiled in relative obscurity last year in Buffalo, N.Y., when Switzerland finished fifth, that won't be the case this year in Calgary.

Selected in the first round (13th overall) of the 2011 NHL Entry Draft by the Calgary Flames, Baertschi has already garnered considerable fan support. Several fans have taken to Facebook and Twitter to converse with the 19-year-old prospect.

"They asked me which number I'm going to wear because they want to wear my jersey for the world juniors and everything," said Baertschi, who attended Flames training camp and played in three exhibition games before being returned to the Portland Winterhawks of the Western Hockey League. "It's been a lot of fun. I just hope there are some people out there that remember me from exhibition games. It'll be cool if there are some people with my jersey."

In six games last year in Buffalo, Baertschi put up a goal and an assist. He'll be counted upon for much better numbers this time around in Calgary.

"I was there last year, so I kind of know what's going on and I know how important it is to play at a high level," said the five-foot-10, 185-pound left winger, "I'll really try to help (the young players) out. For sure I want to be a leader this year."

The Flames keep tabs on their top prospect as Baertschi has weekly conversations with director of player development Ron Sutter.

"He was really excited that I'm coming back during Christmastime," Baertschi said. "He said, 'There's not a lot of pressure on you, but just enjoy the whole process and play your best hockey.'"

Stacked stats

Through 25 games with the Winterhawks this season, Baertschi has scored 12 goals to go with an impressive 42 assists.

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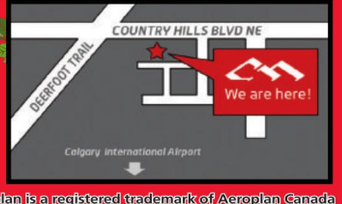

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LITTLE THINGS TO LIKE ABOUT WINTER IN CALGARY

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Winter in Calgary can be a challenge.

Whether it's dealing with traffic after a slight dusting of snow, or mustering up the courage to go out and crank the car up in -35 C weather.

And, for my part, up until about five years ago, I hated winter. Period. End of story. Christmas couldn't even salvage it for me.

Then things changed. Five years ago I promised my son, then six-years-old, I would take snowboarding lessons with him.

Snowboarding was the catalyst for my new love affair with winter. Sure, I enjoy winter now — heck, I look forward to it come the end of fall — but what it really did was make me realize all of the other things I love about this season.

"Tobogganing is a blast. So is a game of shinny on the outdoor rink. There's something about a puck to an unprotected shin that puts a smile on my face."

I'm hoping some of these interesting winter wonders will spur some thought into a few things that make the winter enjoyable for you, too.

Without further ado:

One of those little things I enjoy about winter is that burning feeling in my toes and fingers when they thaw from being outside in bone-chilling cold. I like when my nostrils stick when I take a deep breath of cold air. The smell of a burning fireplace always reminds me of cosying up next to it. I really do like Chinooks. I think the air smells cleaner in the winter, and I like that. Snowboarding, snow-capped Rocky Mountains, hoar frost, untouched snow after a snowfall. Like, like, like, like.

Nothing says Christmas like an Elvis song — or the Chipmunks or Bing Crosby. The songs make me nostalgic; Christmas is always better as a kid.

I enjoy getting Christmas cards, even though I rarely send them. Getting together with family on Christmas Eve and playing a game is always a laugh. That first coffee on Christmas morning. Mmmmmm.

Snowball fights, snow forts and snowmen. Fun.

I'm a big fan of winter solstice. It's probably my favourite day of the year. In the heart of winter, it's that trigger for the realization that days will get longer and summer is just around the corner.

Tobogganing is a blast. So is a game of shinny on the outdoor rink. There's something about a puck to an unprotected shin that puts a smile on my face.

For some reason there's a calmness and peace on a cold winter night. It's comforting.

So, you see, winter isn't that bad after all. In spite of how often we complain about it, when we take a moment to remember all of those things that make winter special, it probably ranks right up there with summer.

Maybe not. But, at least it pulls a little closer.

Have a safe and happy holiday season, Calgary. Catch you in 2012.

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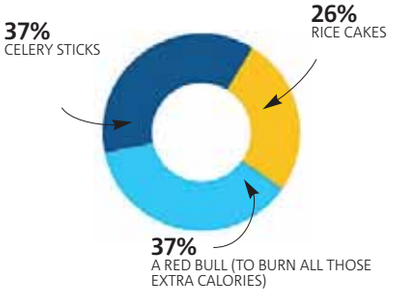
Since Santa obviously needs to lose a few pounds, what health-conscious snack should you leave him to eat?



Local tweets

- **@steven-freeman:** I love Christmas parties and would like to come to yours so feel free to invite me. #yyc
- **@Mehollingsworth:** Finally home!!!! #yyc so excited to cook my own food!!! 3 races down sitting #2 in world
- **@SharonJeckells:** Watching #Flames That was the worst renditions of the national anthems I've ever heard. Totally over the top. Heather in #yyc is way better
- **@_iRawwrbiebs:** I got ran over by a shopping cart TWICE ! -.- #yyc #calgary... Man, people are soo rude.
- **@siroso123:** #YYC shoppers very intense this Sunday! Parking lots are a gong show. Holidays bring out the worse in some people. Chillax everyone!
- **@MsNeonTyra:** Light snow falling at the Sunnyside LRT station :c) #yyc #weather
- **@Swetha__Baller:** Woo back in #yyc, our flight attendant was sang us a christmas song #cute
- **@Sean_in_Calgary:** When it snows outside 5% will go outside and enjoy it, while the other 95% will tweet about it #yyc #snow

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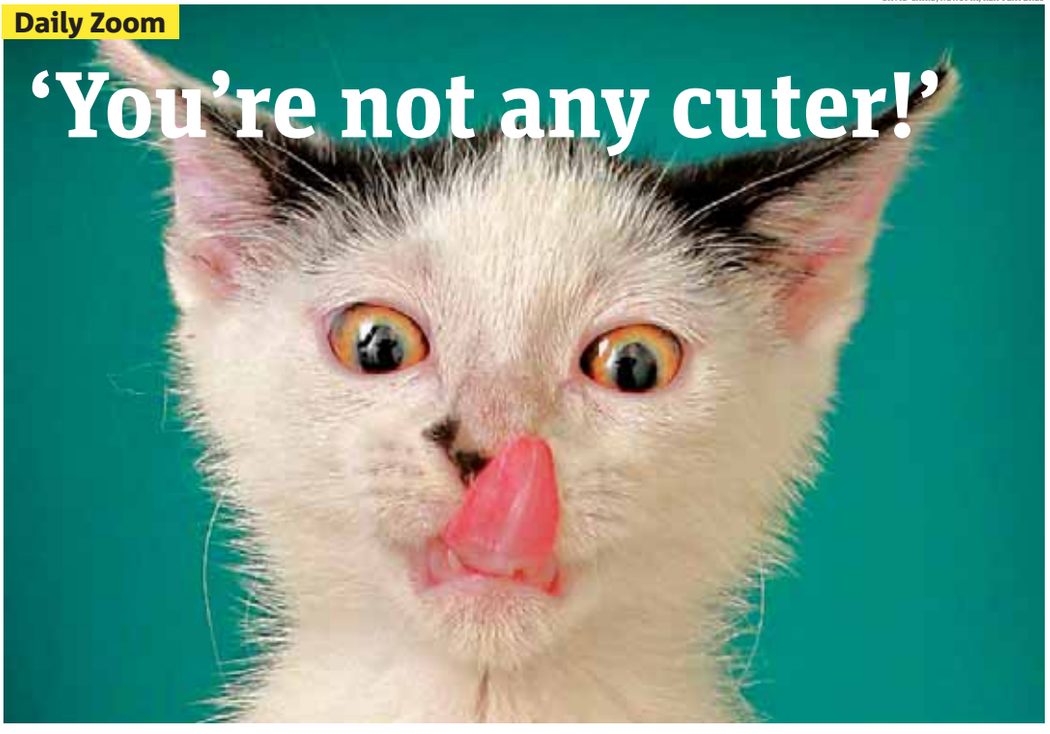

'You're not any cuter!'

Cat must learn how to behave

AUSTRALIA. Don't tell this cheeky cat it's rude to stare and stick out its tongue: poor Buzz is hearing-impaired. At cat obedience class at Prahran Vet Hospital in Melbourne, this 10-week-old kitten has to learn hand commands to know how to behave better. By the looks of it, he's still got his work cut out for him. METRO WORLD NEWS

"He's been dumped and is going to be harder to re-home, so I've had to teach him to pay attention to me. Already he can high-10 with both paws over his head."
DR. NICOLE HOSKIN, VETERINARIAN

'Give me a treat, then I'll obey'

TRAINING. Felines can be taught to do many of the same things that dogs can: sit, stand and fetch things. The two species have to be trained in different ways, though. Dogs learn just to please their owners, but cats only pay attention for food rewards. "I find roast-chicken rewards work the best," Dr. Nicole Hoskin says. METRO WORLD NEWS

All bets off with 'psychic' feline

CATS IN NEWS. Buzz is not the only domesticated cat to make world headlines in recent days. One Italian feline by the moniker of FastidiousCat has been trending as the new Paul the Octopus after successfully predicting Serie A soccer powerhouse Udinese's last four fixtures.

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Box office

Sherlock Holmes is facing his worst enemy: declining crowds at the box office. Robert Downey Jr.'s sequel Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows debuted on top with a $40 million weekend, off 36 per cent from the first installment's $62.3 million debut two years ago. The first movie opened over Christmas weekend, one of the busiest times for movie theatres. Distributor Warner Bros. predicts the Holmes sequel will make up the lost ground over the holidays. But overall business was down again. Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked did even worse than Holmes. Chipwrecked opened at No. 2 with $23.5 million, about half the business the first two Chipmunks movies did on their debut weekends.
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Beach Boys announce a reunion tour, with Brian Wilson, to mark 50th anniversary

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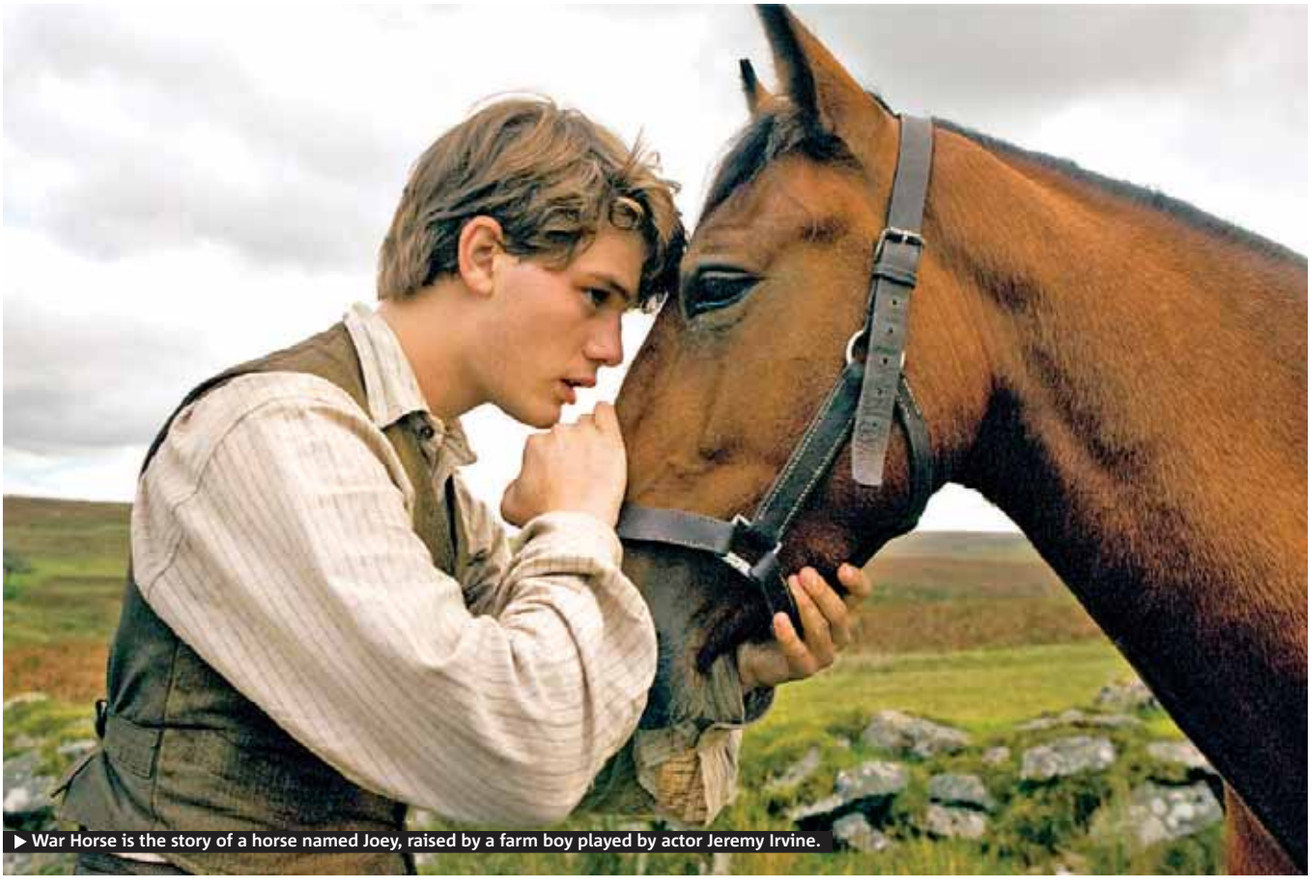

▶ War Horse is the story of a horse named Joey, raised by a farm boy played by actor Jeremy Irvine.

Through a horse's eyes

War Horse recounts the experience of the First World War through the journey of a thoroughbred
Emotional drama explores the themes of loyalty and survival

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Whether we're talking about the popular stage play or the book upon which it was based, when it comes to awards, War Horse has always been a front-runner. That is something Steven Spielberg may be counting on with his latest movie adaptation.

"Yes, it was a children's story to start but it has, at its heart, great pain and suffering," admitted the book's author Michael Murpurgo. "And that's not necessarily a very attractive prospect for a family show but (Spielberg's) pulled it off unbelievably."

The acclaimed film (which hits theatres Christmas Day) is definitely the stuff of award season. An emotional drama surveying the First World War through the eyes of an incredible thoroughbred, War Horse deals in themes of loyalty and survival during a war of attrition that star Emily Watson suggests makes one of Spielberg's most inspired films.

"The great achievement of the film is the perspective it puts on that war," said Watson. "Steven's other films have been about the Second World War, which has a very clear, moral imperative to it. But this war was utterly pointless and taking a horse through the journey of that war is a brilliant way of cutting a cross-section of it and seeing it first-hand and it's really powerful."

Almost as powerful as the story were the actual horses that played the title role. As honoured as he was to star in the Spielberg film, actor Tom Hiddleston insisted he was only upstaged by his animal co-stars.

"I was shamed at my artifice by their authenticity," said the Thor actor.

"That's really the thing I learned — just to turn up and be there because the horse will do something surprising, which will give you so much more than anything you might have preconceived in your own mind."

The author speaks

Author Michael Murpurgo recently visited Toronto to promote the Feb. 10 debut of War Horse at Princess of Wales Theatre. The British storyteller discussed witnessing his book-turned-play become a Steven Spielberg movie:

"I think (Spielberg) came to this because it touched his heart. He was touched by the loyalty and the love between Joey (the horse) and Albert," said Murpurgo. "The world war was the background in which this longing to be reunited was to be played out…(so it was) also an opportunity for him historically I think to go into the carnage of this war to end all wars." STEVE GOW

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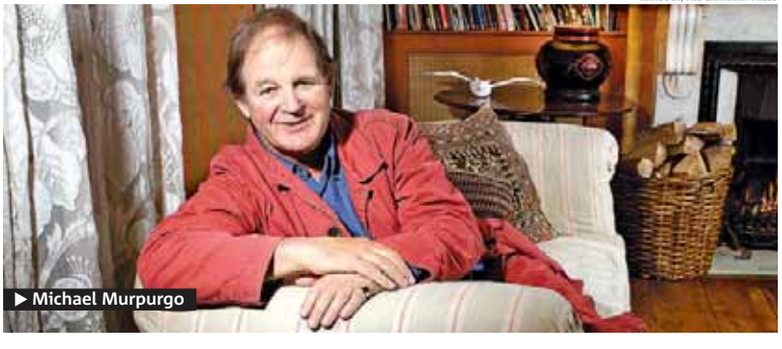

▶ Michael Murpurgo

The story behind Spears' engagement

Couple celebrates happy news with their closest paparazzi and publicists

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▶ Jason Trawick and Britney Spears

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Thanks to giving up the reigns to her life to a court-appointed conservatorship (her father and a lawyer) and, well, I'm just guessing here, some big pharma mood-stabilizers, I believe Britney Spears is in a much happier and healthier head space than she's ever been.

It actually "seems" like things are back to normal for the star/robot. Which is why it's surprising to see her engagement to boyfriend and former agent Jason Trawick come across as the most orchestrated news item since Kim Kardashian's wedding.

After all, "normal" mega-watt celebrities keep things like this private; only the ones with something to prove try to force it down our throats.

On Thursday, the two got engaged. And then they celebrated that engagement — and Trawick's 40th birthday — in Las Vegas on Friday night. And, wouldn't you know it? An army of photographers and publicists were at the ready.

They followed them through each perfectly-crafted event — from the two of them checking in to Planet Hollywood, then having dinner at Sugar Factory American Brasserie, to dancing at the Chateau nightclub (notice all of that product placement? I'm sure they all paid a pretty penny for this). The whole night was completely packaged for our enjoyment.

Sure, out of everything that Spears has been through, a formulated engagement is nothing.

It's just kind of sad that this living doll can't be a real person who celebrates real milestones authentically.

Celebrity tweets

@AlbertBrooks

Just got back from mall. Told Santa what I wanted. He said he didn't even know what SAG was, let alone how to punish it.

@pattonoswalt

Anyone who sees #Young Adult, please Tweet your home address. I will personally bring a casserole to you.

@kirstiealley

"His words are bonds, his oaths are oracles, his heart as far from fraud, as heaven from earth" Shakespeare ....does this man exist??

@JonahHill

"True Life: I Have A Hot Mom" is easily my favorite True Life.

Does Cruise have a man crush on David Beckham?

Tom Cruise has his eye on a new co-star, telling the Daily Mirror that he would "love to do action movies with [David] Beckham."

But before turning his athletic pal into a movie star, Cruise wants something too: "David would have to teach me how to play soccer first," he says.

Cruise even has a type of role in mind, saying that Beckham "would make a great baddie."

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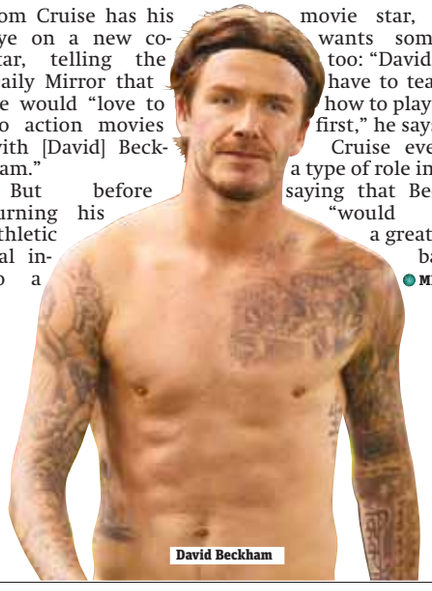
David Beckham

▶ Jennifer Lopez and Casper Smart

J.Lo brings her boy toy to work

Jennifer Lopez and her new boyfriend, dancer Casper Smart, have been pretty much inseparable since word of their relationship leaked.

First there was Thanksgiving in Mexico and a trip to Morocco, and now Lopez is even taking Smart to work.

According to Hollyscoop, Smart has been paying Lopez visits on the set of American Idol while she and fellow judges Randy Jackson and Steven Tyler hold auditions in Pasadena, Calif.

And a source says Lopez has even given Smart permission to drive her Bentley, which can't be sitting well with Lopez's ex, Marc Anthony, who reportedly doesn't want Smart driving his kids around since he was previously arrested on drag racing charges.

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Hef is proven wrong

Hugh Hefner admits he wasn't totally convinced having Lindsay Lohan pose nude for Playboy was a great idea.

"I kind of had mixed emotions about it initially, and then it turned into something bigger than life," Hefner tells E! News.

"I wasn't quite sure where she was at in her life, obviously. It depends on whether it's Tuesday or Thursday."

And while he is pleased with the final product, the magazine mogul says he wasn't the only one who needed convincing about Lohan baring all.

"I think it was essentially mama and the folks around her that kept pushing for less nudity," Hefner says.

"And I said, 'We're doing a nude pictorial here. We're going to do it in a very classy way and we're going to do it in a way in which it will not be forgotten.'" METRO

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A crafty Christmas

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There are loads of good reasons for doing Christmas crafting: It's easy and cheap to make gifts and decorations from things you already have in the house, it's something fun to do when the weather's bad, and it keeps them out of the shops where they'd only nag you for the latest Harry Potter Lego set.

Christmas crafting is not just a practical way of whiling away cold winter afternoons, though. It offers a nice excuse for parents to spend quality time playing with their kids and creating festive rituals that bond the family together for years to come, from decorating the tree as a family to baking biscuits for grandma.

Make festive gifts. Chocolate truffles

makes about 20

▶ From Christmas Cooking with Kids by Annie Rigg (Ryland, Peters and Small).

Ingredients:

- 50g unsalted butter, at room temperature
- 75g light brown soft sugar
- 150ml double cream
- 175g dark chocolate

Toppings:

- 150g milk or dark chocolate, chopped
- Chocolate sprinkles
- Cocoa powder
- Edible silver balls
- Chopped nuts (hazelnuts or flaked almonds)

Preparation:

1. Ask an adult to help you put the butter, sugar and cream in a saucepan over a low heat. Leave until it comes to the boil and the sugar has melted.
2. Break the chocolate into small pieces and tip into a heatproof bowl. Carefully pour the melted butter mixture over the chocolate and sir until the chocolate is melted, smooth and shiny. Leave to cool, then cover with clingfilm and chill in the fridge until it's firm.
3. Making one truffle at a time, scoop a teaspoonful of the chocolate mixture and roll quickly between your hands into a ball. Place on a baking tray lined with baking parchment.
4. For the toppings, ask an adult to help you put the chocolate in a heatproof bowl over a pan of simmering water or in the microwave on a low setting. Stir very carefully until it has melted. Leave to cool slightly.
5. Sprinkle each of your chosen toppings (cocoa powder, chopped chocolate, sprinkles, edible silver balls, chopped nuts) onto a separate plate.
6. Scoop a teaspoonful of the melted chocolate into the palm of your hand and roll one truffle at a time into it to coat completely.
7. Roll in one of the toppings. Repeat with the remaining truffles and leave to set on the baking tray before serving or packing in a pretty box.

Create cards & wrapping paper. Potato printing

Ingredients:

- Medium-sized potato
- Star-shaped cookie cutter
- Chopping board
- Sharp knife (used by adult)
- Dry cloth
- Paints
- Plain white paper

Preparation:

1. Cut potato in half. Place cookie cutter on cutting board with sharp edge facing upwards. Press potato firmly down onto cutter, leaving cutter standing proud of cut surface of potato by about 5mm.
2. Ask an adult to cut away edges of potato using sharp knife. Press potato down onto a dry cloth to remove excess moisture.
3. Pour paint into saucer and use end of sponge paint roller to apply paint to star shape. Too much paint will make the design bleed. If you have applied too much, gently blot potato on kitchen paper to remove excess.
4. Begin printing. To ensure design prints clearly, use gentle rocking motion, moving potato from side to side without lifting from paper. This will apply paint evenly. Continue to print at evenly-spaced intervals. Allow paint to dry completely.

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Be safe, be eco-conscious

Shovelling snow causes heart attacks every year ◗ And snow blowers aren't exactly friendly on the environment ◗ So, what to do?

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AARON LYNETT/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

▶ Make your life easier when shovelling snow this winter.

Shovelling snow is a pain in the back. The pushing, the lifting … the throwing. Yes, a snow shovel is green and eco-friendly. It doesn't chew up power like electric or gas-powered snow blowers.

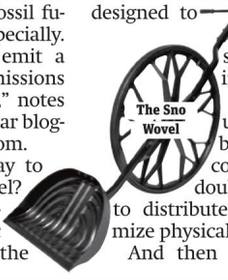
But injuries are a real risk — and clearing snow can be fatal, as well.

The Canadian Heart & Stroke Foundation estimates that over 16,000 Canadians die of heart attacks every year.

The Huffington Post has reported snow shovelling accounts for less than half of one per cent of fatal coronaries, but that's around 50 Canadians — annually — who go out to clear their snow, and never come back. Snow blowers are an obvious alternative. But they have an environmental impact — fossil fuel-powered ones especially.

"These blowers emit a ton of carbon emissions that pollute the air," notes Trish Smith, a popular blogger at greenopolis.com.

So is there a way to build a better shovel? There's a broad variety of ergonomic snow shovels on the market.



Some have bent handles designed to ease the strain of lifting. Others use wide blades and conjoined double handles to distribute and minimize physical stress.

And then there's the Sno Wovel — wovel.com — an innovative invention that combines a traditional shovel with a wheel.

"It's not only more efficient — there's a three-quarters reduction in exertion — but this takes the real pain out of shovelling, greatly reducing exertion and the risk of injury," says Mark Noonan, president of Nootools, who's been making and marketing Sno Wovels for the past six years.

QUEEN OF GREEN

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POWERING SOME CHANGE IN BATTERY USE

Where in Winnipeg can I dispose of batteries? *Cynthia of Winnipeg*

Dispose might as well be a four-letter word.

I know you really mean recycle. And recycling batteries has never been easier.

Two excellent battery recycling know-it-all websites are Call2Recycle.ca and Earth911.com.

Just enter your postal code into their online drop-off locator. You'll get a list of locations near you, ranked by proximity, with complete contact information and a map.

There's also no charge to recycle batteries from things like your remote control, cordless power tools, or calculator.

Next, make the switch to rechargeable batteries. Maximize their use by reading the instructions carefully. It sounds obvious, but each product has specific guidelines when it comes to charging a battery for the first time. A big no-no is returning a fully charged battery to the charger for an extra boost. This will only shorten its lifespan. Also never leave batteries in your charger if they're not actually charging. Don't forget to recycle your rechargeable batteries when they're done. And keep your eyes open for battery recycling drop-off boxes. The last one I saw was in my local pharmacy.

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Pockets of festive goodness

These Turkey Pocket Pies are a delicious way to truly get your appetizers looking like they belong in a Christmas season table spread

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▶ This recipe makes six servings and they can easily be decorated to make them festive.

These festive pastries are ideal for an appetizer before an elegant dinner or as canapes to serve with wine to guests who drop by during the festive season.

If the dough gets too warm while preparing the pies, refrigerate it for 15 minutes before baking.

Use any leftover dough to cut out shapes to decorate the top of the pocket pies. Brush the back of the dough shapes with milk or egg wash to affix to pie and bake as directed.

Preparation:

1. Preheat oven to 200 C (400 F). Remove pie shells from freezer and let thaw at room temperature for 10 minutes.
2. Remove pie shells from foil onto clean, flat, lightly floured work surface. If cracks appear in pastry, press together and repair using fingers moistened with water.
3. Cut out 6 shapes from each pie shell using a 7-by-10-cm (2 3/4-by-4-inch) cookie cutter. Set any leftover dough aside.
4. In bowl, combine turkey, cranberry sauce, cheese and pepper. Divide mixture evenly among 6 cut-outs, mounding in centre and leaving a 5-mm (1/4-inch) border and top with remaining cut-outs. Gently press edges together and crimp with a fork. Brush tops lightly with milk and bake for 12 to 15 minutes or until pastry is golden. Let pies rest for 10 minutes before serving. THE CANADIAN PRESS/ TENDERFLAKE

Ingredients:

- 2 frozen deep-dish pie shells
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) finely chopped leftover turkey
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) cranberry sauce
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) grated cheddar cheese
- Pepper, to taste
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) milk

Rose Reisman's Swap It

Veggie dips are a standard during the holiday party season. With a wide variety of flavours, some may seem healthy but be careful because names can be deceiving.

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Quiche saves dinner on busy nights

The season is full of shopping, decorating, gift wrapping and entertaining ◐ This meal is quick and filling

Busy days filled with Christmas shopping, entertaining, decorating and wrapping gifts gives the cook in the house little time to prepare meals.

But it's important not to forget to enjoy a quick and easy dinner during this busy time.

With a pre-made pastry crust and the frozen veggies you have in the freezer, you can have a simple and quick quiche ready to enjoy with a crunchy green salad.

This quiche is also a fine casual addition to any lunch.

Preparation:

1. Prepare pie crust according to package directions. Set aside and let cool.
2. In a large, flat-bottomed frying pan, melt butter and cook hash browns until crisp and golden brown. Remove from heat.
3. In a large bowl, mix together eggs, frozen vegetables, cheddar cheese, salt and pepper. Add cooled hash browns and mix well.
4. Pour egg mixture into cooled pie shell and bake in 190 C (375 F) oven for 35 to 40 minutes until golden brown.
5. Using oven mitts, remove from oven and serve.

THE CANADIAN PRESS/ TENDERFLAKE/ THIS RECIPE WAS ADAPTED FOR METRO NEWS BY EMILY RICHARDS, A PROFESSIONAL HOME ECONOMIST, COOKBOOK AUTHOR AND A TV CELEBRITY CHEF. FOR MORE, VISIT EMILYRICHARDSCOOKS.CA.

Ingredients:

- 1 frozen pie crust
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) unsalted butter
- 250 ml (1 cup) shredded frozen hash browns
- 3 eggs, beaten
- 250 ml (1 cup) frozen Mediterranean-style vegetables
- 250 ml (1 cup) shredded cheddar cheese
- Pinch each salt and

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Mediterranean Quiche

▶ This recipe makes four to six servings.

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42. Go to YUK YUK'S and laugh your jingle bells off.
43. SURPRISE your neighbours by SHOVELING their driveways while they're asleep.
44. Try Curling. NO, SERIOUSLY, it's actually FUN.
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Home(work) for the holidays

Celebrating the season sans family is a reality that many students across the country will face this year

Amongst the frantic last-minute trips to the mall and the consumption of Advent chocolate and eggnog, it's easy to forget one of the joys of the holidays: spending time with family.

Yet, for many across the country, namely students who study out of province or even out of country, being home for the holidays isn't an option.

Spiked airline costs and limited downtime are a few of the reasons some generation Yers are forgoing Christmas reunions to become holiday orphans. And for others, like Andrea Nunes of Vancouver, spending this time of year with the family is about as enticing as standing in a long lineup at the post office.

"Taking the two weeks to go back halfway across the world wouldn't really make sense. If you don't think about (being away from your family) you don't get sad. So I don't think about it."
MEELASHINI AUADUER, STUDENT

▶ When times get tough, the tough sometimes have to stay put.

"I have sentimental feelings about Christmas itself but they're not really about my family," said the Emily Carr University office assistant. "My family against the backdrop of Christmas can't help but bring up all these seething, burning resentments from Christmases pasts."

After her grandmother passed away when Nunes was a teenager, things in her family "broke down" to the point that her mother cancelled Christmas one year.

It's since become a mutual agreement among all family members not to celebrate together, which she thinks is "pretty great."

Nunes still acknowledges the holiday, and usually uses the time to bake. She also makes a point of calling her family members on Christmas Day.

"It doesn't make me feel sad, it makes me feel relieved," she said.

For Meelashini Auaduer, a third-year commerce student at Dalhousie University in Halifax, travelling to her home country of Malaysia during the holidays isn't a logical decision.

"Taking the two weeks to go back halfway across the world wouldn't really make sense," said the 21-year-old.

The fact that her family doesn't celebrate Christmas "softens the blow." Instead, she feels those pangs of sadness during the end of October, when her family celebrates Deepavali, the festival of lights.

Still, Auaduer insists she never feels alone during the holidays, and spends them travelling to Montreal or Toronto, or having a potluck with other Malaysian friends.

"If you don't think about (being away from your family) you don't get sad," she said. "So I don't think about it."

And yet many foreign students still manage to come together over the holidays. Moses Richu, a third-year University of British Columbia student from Kenya, said celebrating Christmas away encourages you to develop new traditions and customs with people from different parts of the world.

"You get 10, 20 guys together and you start explaining how it works and you learn so much from each other," he said. "It's like a huge room full of culture."

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Deck the halls

Some universities actively make an effort to accommodate their students who don't have anywhere to go over the holidays.

- For the past 12 years, Concordia University in Montreal has hosted a dinner soirée. The school invites all of its 4,700 foreign students, and the first 300 to respond are treated to a three-course meal.
- "We target international students as a way to make them feel at home and spread the season's good cheer and try to help them feel the good cheer," said Scott McCulloch with the Advancement and Alumni Relations department, which organizes the dinner along with the school's Alumni Association.

Building from the ground up

TURNING POINT

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Four years ago, Tony Kokol sat in a Federal Penitentiary having Christmas dinner with his Mom and Dad.

A life of recreational drug use had spun into addiction and some bad life choices put him behind bars.

"It got to the point where I lost everything; my career, health, credit and relationship. I realized, 'Oh my God, I've hit bottom.'"

Fresh Start Recovery Centre in Calgary proved to be a turning point in Tony's life.

He cleaned up, got into the construction business and worked his way up to foreman on Fresh Start's new facility. Now with the new building on the verge of being completed, Tony is training to become an addictions counsellor.

▶ Tony Kokol is currently working on constructing the Fresh Start Recovery Centre building in Calgary.

"My life is full and great. I'm blessed to be surrounded by people who have my back.

Every time I walk through our new building it validates the journey that I'm on."

Tony recently went out for lunch with his Mom. As she reached out to hug her son he realized how far he had come since that Christmas in jail four years ago.

"I put a smile on my mother's heart."

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Flames can't stop Hawks

Hossa's goal, assist help Chicago coach earn his 600th NHL win, team take over top spot

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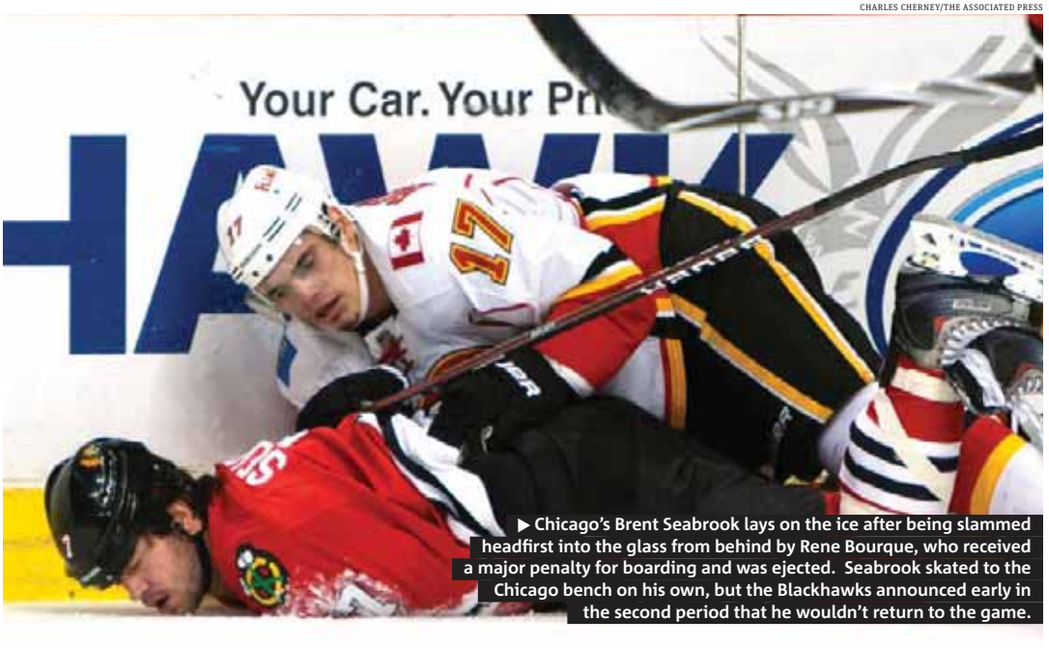

▶ Chicago's Brent Seabrook lays on the ice after being slammed headfirst into the glass from behind by Rene Bourque, who received a major penalty for boarding and was ejected. Seabrook skated to the Chicago bench on his own, but the Blackhawks announced early in the second period that he wouldn't return to the game.

The Chicago Blackhawks are on top of their game and back on top of the NHL.

That is almost satisfying to Chicago bench boss Joel Quenneville, who became the 10th NHL coach to earn 600 victories as the Blackhawks beat the Calgary Flames 4-2 on Sunday night for their fifth straight win.

Marian Hossa had a goal and an assist, and Steve Montador, Niklas Hjalmarsson and Patrick Kane scored for the Blackhawks, who got 22 saves from Ray Emery.

Chicago vaulted past Minnesota into first place in the NHL standings with a league-leading 46 points. The Blackhawks improved to 7-0-1 in their last eight games.

"We did some good things for the most part," Quenneville said. "Our puck possession game has gotten better as we've gone along.

"I don't think we should be satisfied ... but we've gotten production from a lot of places."

Quenneville, who led the Blackhawks to the Stanley Cup title in 2010 — the franchise's first championship since 1961 — is 162-81-32 with Chicago, the best winning percentage in team history. He took over five games into the 2008-09 season.

Quenneville reached 600 wins in 1,113 games, the second fastest in league history. Scotty Bowman, a Blackhawks senior adviser, did it in 1,002 games.

"I've been fortunate in a lot of ways," Quenneville said. "I'm in a great spot here, very content, and I've got a nice team to work with."

Quenneville received the game puck from team captain Jonathan Toews.

"You don't get to that point without knowing a thing or two about hockey," Toews said. "He's done nothing but good things since he's come into this locker-room, for the guys in here."

The Blackhawks keep looking better. They haven't lost in regulation since Nov. 29.

"We're building our confidence every game," Toews said. "The last couple of games, we've distanced ourselves a little bit."

Chicago built a 3-0 lead against the Flames and was in control throughout.

Calgary's Olli Jokinen and Curtis Glencross scored power-play goals in the third period, and both had an assist. Miikka Kiprusoff made 21 saves.

"I think we were just too easy on them in general," Calgary forward Lee Stempniak said. "We needed to make them play in their end to force them out of their comfort zone, and we just didn't do it."

The Flames finished a four-game road trip at 0-2-2. The Blackhawks have won eight straight at home against Calgary, dating to a loss in March 2008.

"Of the four games we had on the road, this was certainly the most disappointing effort," Calgary coach Brent Sutter said. "You can't play that way against any team, let alone top teams, in the National Hockey League and think you have a chance to win."

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Patriots slow down Tebow in win

PATRIOTS	BRONCOS
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Not this time, Tim Tebow. Tom Brady and the New England Patriots shut down Tebow's late-game heroics and clinched a playoff berth with a 41-23 victory over the Denver Broncos on Sunday.

The Patriots (11-3) won their sixth straight game and another AFC East title by bouncing back from an early 17-6 deficit and an awful first quarter in which they were outgained on the ground 167 yards to four.

This time, there was no last-minute magic from Tebow, who had guided the Broncos (8-6) to four straight fourth-quarter comebacks and six straight wins.

Instead of another slow start followed by a fantastic finish, the Broncos started out fast and then fizzled. They scored on their first three possessions and then were done in by a trio of second-quarter turnovers.

Champ Bailey had said the Broncos needed a big game against a big QB to prove to themselves and others that they were not just a curiosity but a contender.

They didn't get it on this day.

Denver has faced four quarterbacks currently ranked in the top-10 in yards passing — Aaron Rodgers, Matthew Stafford, Philip Rivers (twice) and Brady. They're 1-4 in those games.

Brady, who was 23 of 34 for 320 yards with two TD passes and a touchdown run, made up for another bad day by the Patriots defence to beat the Broncos for the second time in eight career starts — the only team with a winning record against the three-time Super Bowl champion.

With its first loss since Oct. 30, the AFC West-leading Broncos face a tougher path to the playoffs, with a trip to Buffalo next week followed by a season finale against Kansas City, which ended Green Bay's 19-game winning streak Sunday behind Kyle Orton, the player Tebow replaced in Denver.

Tebow fell to 7-2 as Denver's starter.

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"I think our ultimate goal is to win a Super Bowl. The next step is getting that number 1 seed in the playoffs."

PACKER QB AARON ROGERS. GREEN BAY'S PERFECT SEASON CAME TO A CRASHING HALT ON SUNDAY AGAINST THE BELEAGUERED KANSAS CITY CHIEFS, WHO RALLIED BEHIND INTERIM COACH ROMEO CRENNEL AND NEW QUARTERBACK KYLE ORTON TO A SHOCKING 19-14 VICTORY. GREEN BAY, PLAYING WITHOUT LEADING RECEIVER GREG JENNINGS AND TOP RUSHER JAMES STARKS BECAUSE OF INJURIES, CAN WRAP UP THE NO. 1 SEED IN THEIR FINAL TWO GAMES AGAINST CHICAGO AND DETROIT.

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d-Boston	31	21	9	0	1	108	61	43	11-6-0-1	10-3-0-0	8-2-0-0	W4
d-Philadelphia	31	20	8	2	1	110	91	43	8-5-1-1	12-3-1-0	8-2-0-0	L1
d-Florida	33	18	9	2	4	90	84	42	8-2-1-4	10-7-1-0	6-2-1-1	W2
NY Rangers	29	18	7	1	3	87	66	40	8-2-0-2	10-5-1-1	6-3-0-1	W1
Pittsburgh	33	18	11	2	2	107	88	40	9-4-2-0	9-7-0-2	5-5-0-0	W1
New Jersey	32	18	13	0	1	90	92	37	7-5-0-1	11-8-0-0	6-4-0-0	W4
Buffalo	32	16	13	2	1	89	94	35	8-9-2-1	8-4-0-0	4-4-2-0	L1
Toronto	32	16	13	2	1	100	105	35	7-5-2-1	9-8-0-0	4-5-1-0	L2
Winnipeg	32	15	13	3	1	89	97	34	11-5-0-0	4-8-3-1	6-4-0-0	W1
Ottawa	33	15	14	2	2	102	116	34	8-7-0-1	7-7-2-1	4-4-1-1	W1
Washington	31	16	14	0	1	91	96	33	10-5-0-1	6-9-0-0	4-6-0-0	L1
Montreal	33	13	13	2	5	85	89	33	5-7-2-4	8-6-0-1	3-3-1-3	L2
Tampa Bay	32	14	16	0	2	87	107	28	8-5-0-0	6-11-0-2	3-7-0-0	W2
NY Islanders	30	10	14	4	2	69	97	26	6-8-3-0	4-6-1-2	5-3-2-1	W1
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d-Minnesota	33	20	8	2	3	84	72	45	10-4-1-2	10-4-1-1	7-1-0-2	L3
d-San Jose	30	17	10	2	1	86	74	37	10-6-1-0	7-4-1-1	4-4-1-1	W2
St. Louis	32	19	9	0	4	82	69	42	13-3-0-1	6-6-0-3	7-1-0-2	W1
Detroit	31	20	10	1	0	104	69	41	13-2-1-0	7-8-0-0	7-3-0-0	W1
Vancouver	32	19	11	0	2	106	80	40	8-4-0-1	11-7-0-1	7-2-0-1	W1
Nashville	32	17	11	3	1	85	84	38	8-5-2-1	9-6-1-0	7-3-0-0	W5
Dallas	31	18	12	0	1	80	86	37	9-4-0-1	9-8-0-0	5-4-0-1	L1
Phoenix	32	16	13	1	2	84	85	35	7-7-1-1	9-6-0-1	4-6-0-0	L1
Los Angeles	32	14	14	2	2	69	79	32	8-9-0-1	6-5-2-1	3-7-0-0	L1
Calgary	33	14	15	2	2	82	94	32	8-5-1-1	6-10-1-1	4-3-1-2	L4
Edmonton	32	14	15	0	3	87	87	31	9-5-0-2	5-10-0-1	2-7-0-1	L3
Colorado	33	15	17	1	0	88	100	31	9-9-0-0	6-8-1-0	5-5-0-0	W1
Anaheim	32	9	18	2	3	75	105	23	7-9-1-0	2-9-1-3	3-6-1-0	L2
Columbus	33	9	20	1	3	80	111	22	6-10-1-1	3-10-0-2	3-6-1-0	L3

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Yesterday's results
Chicago 4 Calgary 2
Florida 3 Carolina 2 (OT)
St. Louis 6 Columbus 4
Saturday's results
New Jersey 5 Montreal 3
San Jose 3 Edmonton 2
Vancouver 5 Toronto 3
Winnipeg 5 Anaheim 3
Boston 6 Philadelphia 0
Colorado 2 Washington 1
Detroit 8 Los Angeles 2
Nashville 2 St. Louis 1 (SO)
N.Y. Islanders 2 Minnesota 1 (SO)
N.Y. Rangers 3 Phoenix 2
Pittsburgh 8 Buffalo 3
Tampa Bay 3 Columbus 2
Tonight's games
All Times Eastern
Montreal at Boston, 7 p.m.
Los Angeles at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Anaheim at Dallas, 8 p.m.
Philadelphia at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Detroit at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
N.Y. Rangers at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Nashville at Washington, 7 p.m.
Buffalo at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Winnipeg, 8:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Calgary, 9 p.m.

BLACKHAWKS 4, FLAMES 2

First Period
1. Chicago, Montador 5 (Mayers, Stalberg) 9:23
Penalties — D.Smith Cal (tripping) 3:34, Hossa Chi (high-sticking) 11:28, Bourque Cal (game misconduct; served by Iginla) 15:25, Kruger Chi (interference) 16:51.
Second Period
2. Chicago, Hjalmarsson 1 (Hossa, Kruger) 5:15
3. Chicago, Kane 9 (Keith, J.Toews) 14:55 (pp)
Penalties — Stempniak Cal (slashing) 0:37, Butler Cal (tripping) 14:16, Bolland Chi (tripping) 15:29.
Third Period
4. Calgary, Jokinen 11 (Tanguay, Glencross) 2:35 (pp)
5. Chicago, Hossa 15 (Sharp, Bolland) 11:17 (pp)
6. Calgary, Glencross 10 (Iginla, Jokinen) 16:25 (pp)
Penalties — Sarich Cal (fighting), Bickell Chi (instigator, fighting, misconduct) 1:26, Brodie Cal (high-sticking) 10:36, Iginla Cal (unsportsmanlike conduct) 11:01, Kruger Chi (holding stick) 16:00, D.Smith Cal, Stalberg Chi (roughing), Frolik Chi (tripping) 17:11.

Shots				
Calgary	3	8	13	24
Chicago	9	8	8	25

Goal — Calgary: Kiprusoff (L,14-11-2); Chicago: Emery (W,9-1-2). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Calgary: 2-5; Chicago: 2-7.
Referees — Stephane Auger, Dan O'Rourke.
Linesmen — Jean Morin, Brian Murphy.
Attendance — 21,192 (19,717).

SATURDAY

DEVILS 5, CANADIENS 3

First Period
1. New Jersey, Sykora 8 (Zubrus) 7:05
Penalties — Emelin Mtl (tripping) 4:50, Cole Mtl (interference) 16:11, Cole Mtl (hit to the head) 18:53.
Second Period
2. Montreal, Subban 2 (Kaberle, Cammalleri) 2:21 (pp)
3. New Jersey, Elias 12 (Kovalchuk, Foster) 5:05 (pp)
4. Montreal, Campoli 1 (Weber, Gill) 5:
5. Montreal, Eller 3 (Leblanc, Gill) 8:57
6. New Jersey, Clarkson 11 (Larsson) 18:26
Penalties — Fayne NJ (interference) 0:59, Volchenkov NJ (cross-checking) 1:34, Cole Mtl (interference) 4:21, Clarkson NJ (roughing) 10:17.
Third Period
7. New Jersey, Elias 13 (Sykora) 1:31
8. New Jersey, Zubrus 10 (Kovalchuk, Foster) 10:18 (pp)
Penalties — Foster NJ (cross-checking) 4:14, Pacioretty Mtl (cross-checking) 9:09.

Shots				
New Jersey	12	13	10	35
Montreal	6	11	9	26

Goal — New Jersey: Brodeur (W,8-8-0); Montreal: Price (L,12-10-7). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — New Jersey: 2-5; Montreal: 1-4.
Referees — Greg Kimmerly, Chris Lee. **Linesmen** — David Brisebois, Greg Devorski.
Attendance — 21,273 (21,273).

CANUCKS 5, MAPLE LEAFS 3

First Period
1. Vancouver, Higgins 9 (Edler, Salo) 1:02
2. Toronto, Lupul 15 (Bozak, Liles) 3:58 (pp)
Penalties — Ballard Vcr (holding) 3:17, Aulie Tor (boarding) 12:57.
Second Period
3. Vancouver, Raymond 3 (Kesler, Higgins) 0:49
4. Toronto, Bozak 7 (Kessel) 7:33
5. Vancouver, D.Sedin 13 (Burrows) 19:16
Penalties — Weise Vcr, Connolly Tor (roughing) 5:43.
Third Period
6. Vancouver, Burrows 11 (H.Sedin) 14:06
7. Toronto, Kessel 19 (Bozak, Liles) 17:17
8. Vancouver, Hansen 10, 18:20
Penalties — None.

Shots				
Vancouver	14	13	9	36
Toronto	10	9	10	29

Goal — Vancouver: Luongo (W,12-6-2); Toronto: Gustavsson (L,9-6-0). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Vancouver: 0-1; Toronto: 1-1.
Referees — Kelly Sutherland, Ian Walsh.
Linesmen — Scott Driscoll, Michel Cormier, Scott Driscoll.
Attendance — 19,633 (18,819).

JETS 5, DUCKS 3

First Period
1. Winnipeg, Wellwood 8 (Antropov, Bogosian) 4:54
2. Winnipeg, Wheeler 3 (Byfuglien, Enstrom) 6:19 (pp)
3. Anaheim, Hagman 5 (Selanne, Brookbank) 14:34
4. Anaheim, Perry 13 (Getzlaf, Ellis) 18:26
Penalties — Perry Ana (high-sticking) 5:58, ParrStuart Wpg (boarding, roughing), Parros Ana (roughing) 10:08, Visnovsky Ana (slashing) 15:32.
Second Period
5. Winnipeg, Burmistrov 7 (Kane, Bogosian) 0:31
6. Winnipeg, Ladd 10 (Byfuglien, Wellwood) 18:20
Penalties — Parros Ana, Stuart Wpg (fighting) 2:06.
Third Period
7. Winnipeg, Bogosian 2 (Thorburn) 2:49
8. Anaheim, Perry 14 (Getzlaf, Selanne) 10:26 (pp)
Penalties — Thorburn Wpg (tripping) 10:18, Thorburn Wpg (tripping) 12:29, Antropov Wpg (tripping) 19:27.

Shots				
Anaheim	10	11	15	36
Winnipeg	10	13	8	31

Goal — Anaheim: Ellis (L,1-5-0); Winnipeg: Mason (W,4-2-0). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Anaheim: 1-4; Winnipeg: 1-2.
Referee — Mike Hasenfrantz, Dennis LaRue.
Linesmen — Derek Nansen, Vaughan Rody.
Attendance — 15,004 (15,004).

SHARKS 3, OILERS 2

First Period
1. San Jose, Havlat 2 (Handzus, Boyle) 8:36
2. Edmonton, Eberle 12 (Hall) 17:16
Penalties — None.
Second Period
3. Edmonton, Jones 10, 5:28 (sh)
4. San Jose, Thornton 6 (Vlasic, Pavelski) 14:33
Penalties — Belanger Edm (hooking) 4:58, Hall Edm (interference) 9:09, Havlat SJ (high-sticking) 10:23, Peckham Edm (holding), Havlat SJ (roughing) 12:49, Smid Edm (interference) 17:56.
Third Period
5. San Jose, Marleau 12 (Pavelski, McGinn) 6:11 (pp)
Penalties — Peckham Edm (interference) 5:59, Demers SJ (holding) 9:07.

Shots				
Edmonton	9	7	9	25
San Jose	9	14	14	37

Goal — Edmonton: Khabibulin (L,10-7-3); San Jose: Niemi (W,13-6-3). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Edmonton: 0-2; San Jose: 1-4.
Referees — Kevin Pollock, Justin St. Pierre.
Linesmen — Ryan Galloway, Scott Cherrey.
Attendance — 17,562 (17,562).

NFL

WEEK 15

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

EAST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-New England	11	3	0	.786	437	297
N.Y. Jets	8	6	0	.571	346	315
Miami	5	9	0	.357	286	269
Buffalo	5	9	0	.357	311	371

SOUTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Houston	10	4	0	.714	343	236
Tennessee	7	7	0	.500	279	278
Jacksonville	4	10	0	.286	207	293
Indianapolis	1	13	0	.071	211	395

NORTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Pittsburgh	10	3	0	.769	282	198
x-Baltimore	10	4	0	.714	334	236
Cincinnati	8	6	0	.571	305	283
Cleveland	4	10	0	.286	195	274

WEST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	8	6	0	.571	292	343
San Diego	7	7	0	.500	358	313
Oakland	7	7	0	.500	317	382
Kansas City	6	8	0	.429	192	319

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

EAST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	8	6	0	.571	348	296
N.Y. Giants	7	7	0	.500	334	372
Philadelphia	6	8	0	.429	342	311
Washington	5	9	0	.357	252	300

SOUTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-New Orleans	11	3	0	.786	457	306
Atlanta	9	5	0	.643	341	281
Carolina	5	9	0	.357	341	368
Tampa Bay	4	10	0	.286	247	401

NORTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Green Bay	13	1	0	.929	480	297
Detroit	9	5	0	.643	395	332
Chicago	7	7	0	.500	315	293
Minnesota	2	12	0	.143	294	406

WEST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-San Francisco	10	3	0	.769	307	182
Seattle	7	7	0	.500	284	273
Arizona	7	7	0	.500	273	305
St. Louis	2	12	0	.143	166	346

x-clinched playoff spot; **y**-clinched division
Yesterday's results
New Orleans 42 Minnesota 20
Seattle 38 Chicago 14
Cincinnati 20 St. Louis 13
Carolina 28 Houston 13
Kansas City 19 Green Bay 14
Indianapolis 27 Tennessee 13
Miami 30 Buffalo 23
Washington 23 N.Y. Giants 10
Detroit 28 Oakland 27
New England 41 Denver 23
Arizona 20 Cleveland 17 (OT)
Philadelphia 45 N.Y. Jets 19
San Diego 34 Baltimore 14
Saturday's result
Dallas 31 Tampa Bay 15
Thursday's result
Atlanta 41 Jacksonville 14
Tonight's game
All Times Eastern
Pittsburgh at San Francisco, 8:30 p.m.

GOLF

AUSTRALIAN MASTERS

At Melbourne, Australia
Par 71 — Final Round
(a-denotes amateur)

Ian Poulter	65-68-69-67—269
Marcus Fraser	70-69-69-64—272
Geoff Ogilvy	71-66-63-73—273
Adam Crawford	74-68-69-66—277
Peter Senior	69-70-68-70—277
Brad Kennedy	71-69-69-69—278
Kieran Pratt	67-70-69-72—278
Ashley Hall	66-70-68-74—278
Kurt Barnes	70-71-70-68—279
Peter Lonard	67-70-69-73—279
Nathan Green	69-68-67-75—279
Robert Allenby	73-70-67-70—280
Peter Fowler	71-67-71-71—280
Luke Hickmott	70-71-68-71—280
Jarrod Lyle	67-71-70-72—280
Cameron Percy	70-69-69-72—280
Luke Donald	69-70-69-72—280
David Smail	70-73-65-72—280
Brent McCullough	71-66-70-73—280
John Senden	70-70-67-73—280
Greg Chalmers	69-70-67-74—280
Leigh Deagan	74-70-69-68—281
Daniel Fox	74-70-68-69—281
Brendan Jones	69-68-71-73—281
Steven Bowditch	70-69-67-75—281
Peter Wilson	74-67-70-71—282
Nick Cullen	72-68-69-73—282
Matthew Giles	67-68-71-76—282
Stephen Leaney	72-70-74-67—283
Matteo Manassero	76-67-72-68—283
Craig Parry	75-69-71-68—283
James Nitties	69-70-72-72—283
Gareth Paddison	69-71-70-73—283
Craig Scott	72-69-69-73—283

THAILAND GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

At Bangkok
Par 72 — Final Round

Lee Westwood	60-64-73-69—266
Charl Schwartzel	69-66-66-72—273
Michael Thompson	69-66-69-70—274
Chawalit Plaphol	73-71-65-67—276
Simon Dyson	69-70-68-69—276
Guido Van der Valk	71-69-66-73—279
Daisuke Maruyama	73-68-68-70—279
Alex Cejka	71-71-71-67—280
Jeev Milkha Singh	71-68-72-70—281
Tetsuji Hiratsuka	71-72-68-70—281
Gregory Bourdy	68-71-72-71—282
Prom Meesawat	72-68-69-73—282
Jyoti Randhawa	73-70-65-75—283
Prayad Marksaeng	71-74-70-69—284
Chinnarat Phadungsil	72-69-72-71—284
John Daly	65-73-72-75—285
Rikard Karlberg	72-71-66-76—285

CURLING

BDO CANADIAN OPEN

At Kingston, Ont.
Yesterday's result
CHAMPIONSHIP
Mike McEwen 5 Jeff Stoughton 2
Saturday's results
TIEBREAKER
Jean-Michel Menard 8 Kevin Koe 3
QUARTER-FINALS
Niklas Edin 7 Rob Fowler 6
Glenn Howard 6 Brad Jacobs 3
Mark McEwen 6 Jean-Michel Menard 5
Jeff Stoughton 5 Kevin Martin 2
SEMIFINALS
Mark McEwen 8 Niklas Edin 2
Jeff Stoughton 8 Glenn Howard 6

SOCCER

FIFA CLUB WORLD CUP

Yesterday's results
CHAMPIONSHIP
Barcelona (Spain) 4 Santos (Brazil) 0
THIRD PLACE
Al-Sadd (Qatar) 0 Kashiwa Reysol (Japan) 0
(Al-Sadd wins 5-3 on penalty kicks)

ENGLAND

PREMIER LEAGUE

Yesterday's results
Aston Villa 0 Liverpool 2
Manchester City 1 Arsenal 0
Queens Park Rangers 0 Manchester United 2
Tottenham 1 Sunderland 0

FRANCE

LIGUE 1

Yesterday's results
Ajaccio 1 Rennes 0
Bordeaux 1 Sochaux 0
Paris Saint-Germain 0 Lille 0

GERMANY

BUNDESLIGA

Yesterday's results
Borussia Moenchengladbach 1 Mainz 0
Kaiserslautern 1 Hannover 1

ITALY

SERIE A

Yesterday's results
Catania 2 Palermo 0
Cesena 0 Inter Milan 1
Genoa 2 Bologna 1
Juventus 2 Novara 0
Lazio 2 Udinese 2
Napoli 1 Roma 3
Parma 3 Lecce 3

SCOTLAND

PREMIER LEAGUE

Yesterday's result
St. Johnstone 0 Celtic 2

NBA

PRE-SEASON

Yesterday's results
Boston 76 Toronto 75
Miami 118 Orlando 85
Oklahoma City 106 Dallas 92
Saturday's results
Golden State 107 Sacramento 96
Houston 101 San Antonio 87
Minnesota 117 Milwaukee 96
New York 92 New Jersey 83
Tonight's games
All Times Eastern
Atlanta at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Utah at Portland, 10 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
Washington at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Indiana at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Dallas at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
Phoenix at Denver, 9 p.m.
Golden State at Sacramento, 10 p.m.

LOOKING TO MAKE A CAREER CHANGE?
Read metro work every Monday & Wednesday.

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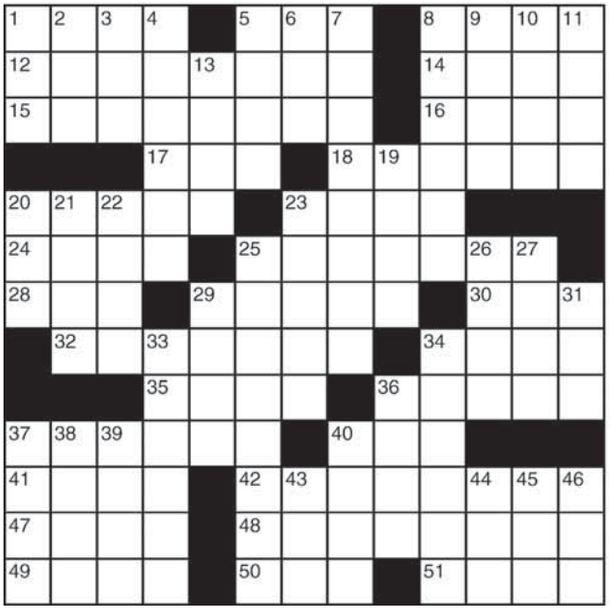

Across

1 Bakery buys
5 Youngster
8 Treaty
12 Australian city
14 Reverberate
15 Like spreadsheets, e.g.
16 Slender
17 Scepter
18 Each
20 Hybrid eating utensil
23 Entanglement
24 Bohemian
25 Refrigerator decorations
28 Humour
29 Gave a darn
30 Regret
32 Grieved
34 Intentions
35 Primary
36 Sag
37 "— & Louise"
40 To and —
41 Emanation
42 Ivy League university
47 List of options
48 Catholic prayer
49 "Hey, you!"
50 Remiss
51 Je ne — quoi

Down

1 Atl. counterpart
2 Altar affirmative
3 Conger or moray
4 Wet cement mixture
5 Sort
6 Mrs. McKinley
7 Mad
8 Small
9 Liniment target
10 Stylish
11 Color quality
13 Beyond control
19 Frogs' hangout
20 Witnessed
21 Proper partner?
22 "Beetle Bailey" dog
23 Carpenter or Black
25 Crazed
26 Threesome
27 Japanese wrestling
29 Study all night
31 Kreskin's claim
33 Diacritical mark
34 Scents
36 Snare or tom-tom
37 Pack down tightly
38 Shades
39 Sea eagles
40 Show off your muscles
43 Eggs
44 Lingerie item
45 Midafternoon, on a sundial
46 Some small batteries

▶ Friday's answer

B	I	G		C	O	L	D		F	L	E	W
A	D	O		U	V	E	A		A	U	R	A
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L	I	E	U		G	O	L	D	M	I	N	E
A	T	O	M		A	R	E	A		S	O	N
B	O	N	N		Y	A	W	L		H	R	S

Sudoku

		7	8	6		3		5
2		5	4					1
	9							
6		2			3			
		8				6		
			7			5		2
							1	
4					5	8		9
8		3		9	1	2		

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Friday's answer ▶

5	7	6	4	1	3	8	9	2
8	3	9	6	2	5	7	4	1
1	4	2	8	7	9	3	6	5
2	6	5	3	9	8	1	7	4
4	8	7	1	5	2	9	3	6
9	1	3	7	4	6	2	5	8
3	9	4	5	8	1	6	2	7
7	2	8	9	6	4	5	1	3
6	5	1	2	3	7	4	8	9

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FROM MILKY WAY GALAXY

A look at the weather

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Min -8°	Min 4°	Min -4°
Max 4°	Max 5°	Max -2°

Andrew Schultz, Meteorologist
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"I get to spread the word on how your day, evening or weekend will shape up with our ever-changing weather here in Alberta". **WEEKDAYS 5:30 A.M.**

Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 Misunderstandings could be expensive, so make sure those you work and do business with know what you are up to today.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 Take life at a more measured pace over the next 24 hours.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 Opportunities to prosper are all around, but you must be selective.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 You seem to be a bit touchy at the moment, and that's bad news for anyone who gets on your wrong side.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 You can sense that something big is about to happen but you can't work out what it might be. Relax.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Why are you trying so hard to convince people that your ideas are best?

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 What seems like a setback today will turn out to be a blessing in disguise before the end of the year, so don't waste time worrying about it.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 You will face some tough obstacles today, but being a Scorpio you will enjoy the challenge.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Your options may be limited at the moment but that's no bad thing.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 You will have to use up a lot of physical and mental energy to enjoy what is really quite a modest return. In which case, why bother?

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 There are two ways you can get what you want: you can go it alone or you can partner up with people who share your ambitions. It's a no-brainer really.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. Keep your mind focused on a particular target.

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